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2430 E Street, N.W.

June 19, 1947

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Dear Andy and Penny:

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I am enclosing copies of the request to Projects Review for a revised allocation to [REDACTED] with a breakdown of costs and a last minute revision based on the teletype message of 12 June, which was received just before the Committee hearing. Although it was a cause of considerable embarrassment to [REDACTED] and General Sibert to present a new request doubling the original estimates, the funds were granted as requested. The Committee actually encouraged allocation on the basis of maximum estimates to insure that no further revision would be necessary, but with the understanding that there is little likelihood that the entire amount would be used. 25X1A9a

The entire \$4000 was set aside for fire protection, but the Committee left it to your judgment, and [REDACTED] whether the water main installation is necessary or desirable. Service Division, as nearly as they can determine from here, believes that chemical extinguishers, some of foam type and some others, with perhaps two large cart-mounted ones, might be better than water because of your electrical equipment. Please let us know what you decide on, but in any case get contracts negotiated or purchase orders issued by 30 June. 25X1A9a

The \$10,000 power line deal was okayed, but an additional \$10,000 set aside in case of last-minute complications. This second amount, however, is tied to the power line and does not provide rubber for other expenditures. We trust this contract can be negotiated by 30 June.

Is there any doubt about obligating the funds for engineers and FBA this fiscal year?

I am sorry for the complications on the [REDACTED] building mentioned in [REDACTED] 41254, and hope that if the new arrangement 25X1A6a

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involves paying for it there is enough rubber in other funds, for example fire protection, to take care of it. We certainly cannot go back with a second revision of estimates.

It may be necessary to ship your teletype machines with 60 wpm speed and send you the regrading gears later for installation there. We are getting a delivery date on the gears now.

The machines will be checked for radio interference in the Communications Delivery lab. But they say that additional checking will be necessary on the spot. For one thing, the ground side of their AC system will have to be kept on the ground side of the power line. I suppose polarized plugs should be used to keep it oriented. Then they say that around 1800 cycles and its harmonics signals may leak back into the power line and through it into the receivers, so that you may need filters, home-wound or commercial, between the machines and their power source.

Since it will be late July before you actually receive the coaxial cable, and since you want to do the whole antenna job at once, perhaps you won't be doing much tomato damage after all. When is the harvesting complete?

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I am initiating request that the [redacted] 48 hour week be extended through July and August, and that they be transferred to [redacted] as permanent post of duty as of 1 July.

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The shipment of the BC 969 A receivers was a Signal Corps error on purchase order 49-091-57409. Procurement suggests you try on this authority to get an exchange from the [redacted] depot. If that 25X1A6a does not work, let us know and we will ship 969's from here. The A's can be returned in that case to [redacted] 25X1A6a

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Do you still need the 40 graphite-lubricated blocks requisitioned? They are not in stock, have long delivery lag and cost \$4.50 each. [redacted] has in stock a single-wheel 4" pulley to accommodate a line up to 5/8". Would that do as substitute?

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[redacted] could use [redacted] instead of [redacted] at P-2 or CAF-8, of course without commitment as to later transfer to [redacted] Please let me know on that.

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Your personnel ceiling will be held to a total of 48 at least through first quarter of fiscal '48. That includes candidates in process. I will hold the papers on [redacted] until I hear from you, 25X1A9a since you will want to study the distribution of the staff under this ceiling before requesting additional appointments. During the rest of this month appointments are frozen anyway, and [redacted] is not being processed.

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Special Reports was delighted with the weekly analysis which [redacted] signed last week, considering it far superior to any they had received from [redacted] or [redacted] 25X1A9a

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If [REDACTED] was really responsible for it, please make arrangements that she take over the weekly as a regular assignment. As soon as your staffing situation makes it possible, she should be relieved of all textual work and devote her entire time to monitoring and writing for Special Reports.

I am going to take some leave next week and the following, but will be at home and available for consultation. [REDACTED] at present 25X1A9a knows more than anyone here about [REDACTED] technical problems, and will probably be around until I get back. 25X1A6a

Regards,

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